

# Clark County Community and Economic Development

Springview Government Center 3130 E. Main Street, Suite 1A Springfield, Ohio 45505

Phone (937) 521-2160 | Fax (937) 328-2621 communitydevelopment@clarkcountyohio.gov

# TENT / TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

# 1. Certificate of Plan Approval:

Required for tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400-square-feet. Tents and temporary structures shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without first receiving plan approval in accordance with the provisions of *Ohio Building Code (OBC)*, Chapter 1 / §3103 / Chapter 24 of the *Ohio Fire Code*.

## Exceptions:

- 1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping.
- 2. Tents open on all sides which comply with **all** of the following:
  - a. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700-square-feet.
  - b. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side-by-side with a minimum clearance of less than 12-feet (support ropes and guy wires shall be considered part of the tent), not exceeding 700-square-feet.
  - c. A minimum clear distance of 12-feet to all structures and other tents (support ropes and guywires shall be considered part of the tent).

#### 2. Submittals:

### a. Application:

Submit Commercial Building Plan Approval Application form.

### b. Fees:

All fees are due before the plans will be issued. (Clark County accepts cash in the exact amount or check).

- c. **Zoning:** submit approved permit or documentation from the local zoning officer. *Not required for application, but required before the permit can be issued.*
- d. **Site-Plan:** indicate general location of the tent(s) and relationship to property-lines and structures. Clark County GIS data is acceptable (support ropes and guy wires shall be considered part of the tent).

## e. Other Documentation:

- 1. Dates of use:
- 2. Occupied hours:
- 3. Narrative of the event:
- 4. Anchorage (attachment): Design of staking by a Design Professional.
- 5. Certificate of fabric flame-resistance:
- 6. Narrative of any cooking operations.

## f. Floor-Plans:

Provide two (2) sets of floor (site) plans that clearly indicate the following:

- 1. Site plan indicating location, spacing and distances to any structures.
- 2. Tent Dimensions indicating area.
- 3. Enclosed or open-sided.
- 4. Diagram of tables / chair layout indicating occupant-load.
- 5. Exit (evacuation) plan.
- 6. Electrical / lighting (separate permit may be required)
- 7. Portable fire-extinguisher locations.

The Owner shall only use the tent in compliance with the Certificate of Plan Approval.